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To the Press of Texas:

Notes concerning the progress of The University of Texas and concerning other matters of a general educational nature that may be of interest to the public, will hereafter be issued periodically in the form of printed Bulletins and sent to all the newspapers of the State. All papers are invited to publish any matter contained in these Bulletins. The University recognizes the influence and power already exerted by the press in its upbuilding and trusts that it may, as a public institution, in which every citizen may have a part, merit such continued support.

I should be grateful for marked copies in which any of the items are printed.

Yours truly,
WILSON WILLIAMS,
Registrar.

THE UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL.

A great deal of interest has been taken by University people and teachers throughout the State in the growth of the University of Texas Summer Schools. It has been the custom for a large number of people to leave the State during the summer in search of opportunities for acquiring a more thorough scholarship and technical training. Aside from the fact that the University is the head of the public school system of the State, is especially qualified to offer instruction touching the problems and peculiar conditions that prevail in Texas, it is the testimony of those who have attended past sessions of the Summer School that it is not necessary for teachers to leave Texas to find ample facilities and thorough instruction in the higher branches of learning. The Summer Schools have grown by leaps and bounds. Last Summer the total enrollment was 286, and there is every reason for believing that a still greater interest will develop during the coming summer. Climatic conditions, boarding accommodations and all the conditions of life in Austin compare favorably with any University town out of the State. A faculty of twenty-two professors and instructors has been engaged.

The session will open on June 9th, and will conclude July 22d, with a State Normal examination for first grade and permanent certificates. In addition to the instruction given in the University Normal on first grade and permanent subjects, instruction will be given in fourteen of the regular University schools. And special interest among these are the new courses in drawing, oratory and manual training. The railroads have provided special rates for those wishing to attend the University Summer Schools.

THE LAW COURSE AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

One of the most practical and interesting evidences of the growth of The University of Texas and of its constant policy to maintain the highest standard is the lengthening of the Law course from two to three years, beginning with the current session. A number of Universities in America have a three years' Law course, the majority a two years' course, and a few a one years' course.

One effect of the change will be to allow of the study of several additional topics, among them the important ones of damages, bailments and carriers, municipal corporations, wills and administrations, and argumentation. Another effect will be the enlargement of the scope of study of each topic and a more thorough and comprehensive treatment of it. A still further effect will be the Academic training which will be required of Law students in the Junior and Middle years. Moreover, under the new arrangement, an Academic Junior or Senior, intending to study law, will be allowed credit of four courses for the Junior Law work. One not intending to study law may be allowed as much as three courses for approved parts of the Junior Law work. This interchange of credits is an innovation, but it is expected to work satisfactorily and bind the departments closer together.

In addition to the increased number of hours of instruction and lecture, the quiz hours have been multiplied, and three quiz-masters, instead of two, as

heretofore, have been elected by the Regents.

The enlargement of the work of the Law Department is in response, first, to the desire and purpose of the Regents and the Faculty to keep constantly abreast in the march of progress with the best Universities of the country, and second, in response to the call going up from the Texas Bar Association, other prominent lawyers and business men, and the great body of the people for a more comprehensive and highly developed system of legal education.

It is worthy of note that instead of a decrease in attendance because of the lengthened period of study required, there has been an increased enrollment in the Law Department of the University.

HERMANNISOEHNE GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Hermannsoehne offer yearly three scholarships (of \$50.00 each), awarded to students of general good standing in The University of Texas at Austin, for excellence in German, as shown in a competitive examination held in December. This examination is open to students who have had three High School years of Latin, or two High School years of Greek, French, or Spanish; two years of German at the University, or its equivalent, and two years of English at the University, or its equivalent. The recipients are required to continue at the University at least one year longer, taking not less than two courses in German. The Professors of Germanic languages is Chairman of the Committee of Awards, which includes another representative of the University, and two of the Hermannsoehne.

The purpose of these scholarships is to stimulate the advanced study of the German language and literature and to assist meritorious students of the University.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIRLS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Shirley R. Green Scholarship, carrying \$250.00 annually, is awarded to some young woman, either in the student body of the University or without,

who gives promise of high intellectual attainments, is of the highest moral worth, and is in need of aid. The Committee on Award has authority to reappoint the holder until her college course is completed. Each holder of this fellowship shall have the privilege of returning the money thus advanced with interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum; all funds so returned being used to augment or supplement the endowment. If the necessities of a selected applicant for the fellowship do not require the whole amount, viz.: \$250.00 a year, then such amount as necessary will be awarded to her, and the entire amount of the fund for the year will be divided among selected applicants.

A SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIRLS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Federation Scholarship, valued at \$250.00 a year, is awarded annually to some meritorious young woman of Texas selected from among the applicants by a committee appointed by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. An endowment of \$5,000.00 in cash was presented to The University of Texas at the last meeting of the State Federation, which was held in Fort Worth. The scholarship is thus made perpetual and will always be a monument to the workable ideals of intelligent women and their superb efforts to realize them.

HIGH AVERAGES.

Considerable comment has been caused at The University of Texas by the following sentences from the report of a recent interview with Dr. J. T. Wilson, President of the State Medical Board of Examiners published in a Fort Worth paper. Speaking of the effects of the law regarding the examination of applicants for the medical profession, Dr. Wilson said: "Another effect the law has had has been to force medical colleges which draw patronage from this State, to raise their standard. It is a most serious reflection on a medical school to have one of its graduates turned down by a medical examining board. We have not yet turned down a single graduate of a Texas medical

college. The State University at Galveston has turned out some men who have made remarkable averages." This testimony is in line with the published statements of the Secretary of the Board, made before a committee of the last Legislature, and it should be a source of extreme gratification that the opportunities for preparation for the medical profession, given by our University, are unexcelled.

The University at Austin is in receipt of a check for \$100.00 from Mr. H. P. Hilliard, formerly of Austin, but now cashier and vice-president of the Mechanics National Bank of St. Louis. This is the second annual payment made by Mr. Hilliard to a fund to be expended by the School of English in acquiring a collection of books on Southern literature. This collection is kept in the general library, and is available to all students of the University.

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS FREE.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty of the State University an important change was made in the general plan of the University publications. It was decided to issue regularly five series of bulletins as follows: First, a Humanistic Series, under the editorship of Dr. C. H. Huberich; second, Scientific Series under the editorship of Dr. F. E. Simonds; third, Medical Series, under the editorship of Dr. W. S. Carter, Dean of the Medical Department at Galveston; fourth, Official Series, under the editorship of Dr. Killis Campbell; fifth, General or Popular Series, under the editorship of Dr. H. Y. Benedict, who is also editor-in-chief of all the series. Learned articles published in Austin or reprints from learned journals are to appear in the first or second series, according to the nature of the articles. Similar papers from the Medical Depart-

ment are to appear in the third series. The fourth series is to include the catalogue, the Faculty report, the Regents report to the Governor, official committee reports, Extension and Correspondence Course, Literature, and all other official notices. The fifth class is to include articles addressed to the general public, and containing information of practical value in non-technical terms, but accurate in every detail. It was felt that the State had the right to demand of the University not only efficient instruction in the class room, but also personal acquaintance and cordiality between the people and the staff of instruction. To this end, the University should stand ever ready to serve the people of the State. A great deal has already been done in this direction, and it is hoped that by the free distribution of the various series of bulletins above mentioned, the fruits of the labors of the Faculty having the facilities of the University at hand, will become accessible to the people of the State as never before.

Mr. George L. Clothier of the United States Bureau of Forestry was a guest of The University of Texas recently and delivered, at the instruction and expense of the Bureau, a series of practical and interesting lectures at the University on the following topics: (1) Silvicultural Possibilities of the Prairies West of the Mississippi and East of the Rockies; (2) Economic Importance of Preserving Forests; (3) Tree Planting as a Branch of Forestry; (4) Nature's Method of Building Forests.

During the same week Dr. H. O. Howard, one of the leading entomologists of the United States, spoke at Galveston to the students of the Medical Department on "The Mosquito as a Disseminator of Disease." In view of the agitation now going on for the extermination of the yellow fever mosquito, the lecture was highly opportune and rich with practical suggestions.

